4. New Insurance Scheme for Handloom Workers;

5. Scheme for Publicity & Exhibitions (for handlooms); and

6. Development of Exportable Products and their marketing scheme;

7. Group Insurance Scheme for Handloom & Powerloom workers;

8. Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS);

9. Scheme of Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC);

In addition, a sub-programme under the Fibres and Handicrafts Programme (FHP) of the United Nations Davelopment Programme (UNDPO) for development of non-mulberry silks (Tasar, Muga and Eri) has been initiated in seven States including the State of Bihar.

Modernisation of Textile Industry

2015. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for modernisation of textile industries (NTC) and how many industries could be modernised till today;

(b) whether the fund allocated for the skill upgradation has been spent; and

(c) if so, how many textile workers have been trained till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) An amount of Rs. 512.14 crores has been spent by NTC on installation of machinery, renovation, replacement and overhauling of machinery its mills to enable the mills to perform at reasonable levels of efficiency. Of the total of Rs. 512.14 crores, an amount of Rs. 361.34 crores was spent towards modernization (installation of machinery) and balance amount of Rs. 150.80 crores was spent on rehabilitation/start-up including expenses of statutory nature such as repairs of factory buildings, providing Effluent Treatment Plants etc.

(b) and (c) No separate funds has been allotted for training/skill upgradation of workers in NTC mills. However, 2825 workers have availed of the benefit of in house training by NTC Staff College, Coimbatore.